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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached 4 sheets of annotated drawings includes changes to FIGs. 2, 7, 8B, and 13. The 4 replacement sheets, which includes FIGs. 2, 7, 8A, 8B, 11 and 13, replaces the original sheets including FIGs. 2, 7, 8A, 8B, 11 and 13.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet
 Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 24-40 and 42-64 are pending, of which claims 24-40 and 42-51 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-23 and 41 are canceled and new claims 52-64 are added.

The drawings are objected to because they do not include some reference signs mentioned in the description. Page 16 of the specification has been amended to delete Item "S106" from line 31. Figure 13 has been amended to include item number 202, as described in the specification on page 24, line 25. Figure 2 has been amended to delete item "S66" and replace it with item "S26". Page 7 of the specification has been amended to replace Item "S6" with Item "S22" on line 21. Item "S26" referred to on line 23 is now correct. Figure 7 has been amended to remove item labels "44" and "46". Figure 8B has been amended to delete item "U71" and replace it with item "U72". The specification referring to item "U72" is correct. Replacement sheets including Figures 2, 7, 8B, and 13 are provided. In view of the above amendments to the drawings and description, it is respectfully requested that the above objections be withdrawn.

The abstract is objected to because it is in excess of 150 words and "is no longer directed at the heart or gist of applicant's invention in a clear concise manner." In view of the amendment to the abstract, it is respectfully requested that the above objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1-4, 11, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Crow (U.S. 5,047,966)

Claims 7-10, 12-14 and 17-19 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

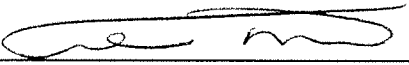
New independent claim 52 now includes all of the patentable limitations of previous claims 1 and 7, as well the patentable features of the intervening claims. New independent claim 64 now includes all of the patentable limitations of previous claims 1 and 15-17. Applicants believe that new independent claims 52 and 64 are thus patentable over the cited references. New dependent claims 53-63, and 65-69 are dependent on claims 52 and 64, respectively. As

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such, these claims are believed allowable based upon the reasons provided above for their corresponding independent claims, and for the additional limitations therein.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for allowance, and accordingly, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested

Respectfully submitted,
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